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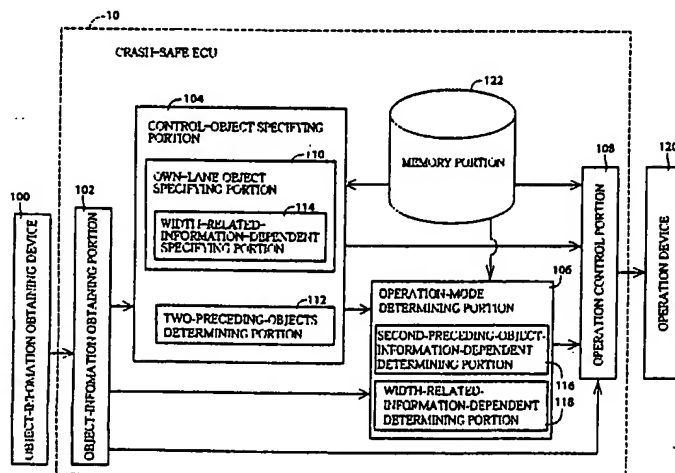
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(54) Title: **CRASH-SAFE VEHICLE CONTROL SYSTEM**



(57) Abstract: ABSTRACT A crash-safe vehicle control system for controlling operating devices of an own vehicle such as a vehicle decelerating device and an occupant protecting device, on the basis of information on at least one preceding object existing in front of the own vehicle. The vehicle control system is arranged to effect at least one of a non-first-preceding-object-information-dependent control and a width-related-information-dependent control. The non-first-preceding-object-information-dependent control is a control of the operating devices on the basis of non-first-preceding-object information detected by the present system per se, in the presence of a high possibility of crashing of the own vehicle with a first preceding vehicle existing immediately in front of the own vehicle. The non-first-preceding-object information relates to at least one non-first preceding object each existing in front of the first preceding vehicle. The width-related-information-dependent control is a control of the operating devices on the basis of at least one of width-related information relating to a width and a widthwise position of each specific object selected from the above-indicated at least one preceding object.



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